



**IN THE
UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Thinnes

CASE: 58550.010057
(please note new case number)

**AMENDMENT AND
COMMUNICATION**

SERIAL NO.: 10/617,072

FILING DATE: 07/10/2003

FOR: APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING PLAY
OF A PROGRESSIVELY OPERATED
LOTTERY-TYPE GAME

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the office action mailed April 2, 2004, directed to the above-identified patent application. Please amend the application as indicated, and consider the following Remarks, toward reconsideration and allowance of the application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 herein.

Remarks begin on page 8 herein.

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